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AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising:

a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;

a pneumatic trigger; and

an elongated shaft connecting said trigger to said scribe.
2. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said scribe is proximate a first distal end of said shaft and said trigger is proximate a second distal end of said shaft.
3. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said stylus is pneumatically actuated.
4. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft is substantially hollow.
5. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft contains a pneumatic passageway.
6. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft provides a pneumatic passageway.
7. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft supports a pneumatic passageway.
8. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow.
9. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

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10. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

11. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

12. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

13. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 12 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

14. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable.

15. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow.

16. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

17. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

18. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

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19. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

20. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 19 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

21. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway.

22. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow.

23. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

24. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

25. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

26. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 1 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

27. (previously presented) The vibrating livestock prod of Claim 26 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

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28. (previously presented) A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising:

- a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;
- a pneumatic trigger; and
- means for connecting said trigger to said scribe.

29. (previously presented) A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising:

- a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal,
- and
- a pneumatic trigger in pneumatic communication with said scribe.

30. (previously presented) A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising:

- a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal,
- and
- pneumatic means for vibrating said stylus.

31. (previously presented) A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal.

32. (previously presented) A vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, comprising pneumatic means for vibrating a stylus against a skin of an animal.

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33. (previously presented) A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:

a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising:

i) a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;

ii) a pneumatic trigger; and

iii) an elongated shaft connecting said trigger to said scribe; and

b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.

34. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said source provides pressurized or compressed gas.

35. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said source provides pressurized or compressed gas to said prod.

36. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said source provides pressurized or compressed gas to said prod in order to vibrate said stylus.

37. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said source provides pressurized or compressed gas to said prod in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

38. (previously presented) The system of Claim 37 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

39. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 further comprising a pneumatic hose connecting said prod to said source.

40. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said source is remote from said prod.

41. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said source comprises a compressor.

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42. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said source comprises a compressor from a slaughterhouse.

43. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said source is transportable.

44. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said source comprises one or more wheels for transport.

45. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said scribe is proximate a first distal end of said shaft and said trigger is proximate a second distal end of said shaft.

46. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said stylus is pneumatically actuated.

47. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft is substantially hollow.

48. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft contains a pneumatic passageway.

49. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft provides a pneumatic passageway.

50. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft supports a pneumatic passageway.

51. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow.

52. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

53. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

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54. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

55. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said shaft permits pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

56. (previously presented) The system of Claim 55 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

57. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable.

58. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow.

59. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

60. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

61. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

62. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to permit pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

63. (previously presented) The system of Claim 62 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

64. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway.

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65. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow.

66. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow between said trigger and said scribe.

67. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe.

68. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus.

69. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33 wherein said trigger is selectively actable to provide a pneumatic passageway for pressurized or compressed gas to flow from said trigger to said scribe in order to vibrate said stylus against the skin of said animal.

70. (previously presented) The system of Claim 69 wherein said gas is air or CO₂.

71. (previously presented) A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:

a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising:

i) a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;

ii) a pneumatic trigger; and

iii) means for connecting said trigger to said scribe; and

b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.

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72. (previously presented) A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:
- a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising:
 - i) a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal, and
 - ii) a pneumatic trigger in pneumatic communication with said scribe; and
 - b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.
73. (previously presented) A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:
- a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising:
 - i) a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal;
 - ii) pneumatic means for vibrating said stylus; and
 - b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.
74. (previously presented) A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:
- a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising a pneumatic scribe having a vibratory stylus adapted for contacting a skin of an animal; and
 - b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.
75. (previously presented) A system for motivating animal movement, comprising:
- a) a vibrating livestock prod with pneumatic actuation, said prod comprising pneumatic means for vibrating a stylus against a skin of an animal; and
 - b) a pneumatic source connected to said prod.
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